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PART FOUR.

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I now present to you the theory of three (3) different churches, and what each theory claims and teaches, and those (3) three theories of church constituency existing between which the human family is divided. Now, look careful and consider the matter. If one of the (3) three church theories is true and right, then the other two (2) church theories must surely be wrong, or fake, and they are against the Word and commands of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

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The first theory presented to you is the Catholic theory. They claim, and teach, that their church is the instrumental source of salvation, and the ordinances of their church is God's appointed Sacraments of Salvation, the channels of grace; so that out of their church, without the use of those Sacraments, there is no salvation. Therefore, their theory teaches that it is the duty of all, however wicked they may be, to unite with the Catholic church, to receive the grace of Salvation and to bring their children, young or old, into their church and give them baptism, and the Methodist and the Episcopal societies accepted the Catholic theory as their theory and guide. Now, if the Catholic theory was carried out it would induce the whole world to join the Catholic church, and they would rub out the distinction between the world and the church, and that would be all world and no church; then all would be purely Catholic countries, and where Protestant State churches prevail. We see the proofs of it, and such churches as State churches can not be considered Scriptural churches in any sense of the word whatever, because they believe in infant baptism.

The second theory presented to you is the Presbyterian theory. They claim and teach that all believers, and their children, or natural seed, whether they are born of the Spirit of God or not, they claim that their believers' children are entitled to membership in the Presbyterian church, because they say the seed of believers is made to include all who have decended from believing ancestors, however distant off, and the Westminster Assembly's confession is, that the seed and posterity of the faithful, born within the Presbyterian church, have by their birth, an interest in the covenant and a right to the seal, and their children may be lawfully accounted within God's covenant. If any of their ancestors, in any generation, were faithful, and

infants that are born of believers belong to God before their baptism, though they had not a father or mother that was acquainted with God. Yet perhaps they had some ancestors (forefathers) who were favored, and therefore they are members of the church. Now, if the Presbyterian theory is carried out, it would induce the whole world to join the Presbyterian church. But that theory is misleading like the Catholic theory, and both of those theories above mentioned is destructive of the spiritual idea of the churches that Jesus Christ established. Read the New Testament Scriptures from Matthew to Revelations of Jesus Christ, and you will find that all attempts to make out infant baptism, is opposed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to the spirit of the Apostolic age, and to the fundamental principles of the New Testament Scriptures, and the baptism of new born, or unconscious children, that have no knowledge of being born of the Spirit of God, or a change of life, can not on any point of view be justified by the holy Scriptures of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The attention of every true orthodox Missionary Baptist Preacher, Superintendent and Teachers of Missionary Baptist churches and Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools, read careful and teach careful, the Missionary Baptist theory and stand by it to the last though we fall, but Jesus Christ will raise us up at the last day.

The third theory presented to you is the Missionary Baptist theory. They claim and teach that none but those who have been born of the Spirit of God and has given a satisfactory evidence that he or she has been regenerated in the heart, and made a new creature by the Spirit of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, before he or she is baptized, and join the Baptist church, and by that test all persons may be known Baptized and join the Missionary Baptist church of Jesus Christ to be saved, and the Missionary Baptist believes when a person gives a satisfactory evidence that he or she was born of the Spirit of God, and born of the water, they are saved, and that is the grand characteristic that makes the Missionary

Baptist a peculiar people, and separates them from all other denominations in the world, and the Missionary Baptists puts Jesus Christ before the church, but the other denominations puts their churches before the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, or in other words, they take sinners into their churches without confessing faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and without giving any evidence of being born of the Spirit of God, and that is putting their churches before Jesus Christ, because they take sinners in their churches without any religion or belief in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

But the Baptists do not baptize infants, nor any other unregenerated persons that do not profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, and do not give a satisfactory evidence of being born of the spirit of God and infant baptism is unscriptural and it is a great evil to christianity and to the human race of mankind and the word of God do not contain neither precept nor example for infant baptism. Now if infant baptism is a Christian duty it must be a positive duty, and if it is positive it must be clearly and unmistakably commanded by Jesus Christ, since all positive duties are clearly commanded by Jesus Christ, and as infant baptism was not instituted by Jesus Christ, nor by his Apostles, and infant baptism was not known in the first ages of the Christian era, and by that you can see at once that was not an example, nor a command given by Jesus Christ for infant baptism, and if there is anything in this world going on in the name of Christianity, and it cannot be found in the New Testament Scriptures, it is well known that Jesus Christ and His Apostles had nothing to do with such an institution, and outside of the New Testament Scriptures men and women cannot be saved from hell, and the true and regular orthodox Missionary Baptist faith, as it was taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles, five hundred (500) years before any Protestant Sect or Church ever existed in this world, and all regular orthodox Missionary Baptists

believe in being buried under the water, because the water is the visible external which represents to us that which by virtue of God's invisible operation within us, and the renovation of our minds and the mortification of our members, through faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are received into the Missionary Baptist church of Christ by previously professing faith in Jesus Christ, and our Saviour not only indicated by His example how we should be baptized, but at the edge of the water of the Jordan river Jesus Christ declared the true design of baptism, when He said that He and John and all others had to fulfill all righteousness, and our Saviour came into this world to work a righteousness for his people to satisfy the infinite claims of Divine justice, and Jesus Christ could not accomplish that righteousness altogether literally by being baptized, if He could He might have ascended in a chariot of glory to the right hand of His Father when he came straight way up out of the water. But there was some more of our Saviour's righteousness he had to fulfill on earth, and it must have been fulfilled figuratively, because Jesus Christ showed plainly before the eyes of all mankind the five (5) great acts by which He did fulfill all righteousness that the law required. The first great act of our Saviour, He was baptized by John in the Jordan river, and received the Spirit of God upon His shoulders.

The second (2nd) great act of our Saviour He was transfigured on Mount Tabor and brought Moses and Elijah out of heaven and received the Law from Moses and the prophetship from Elijah, and made Jesus Christ a Prophet, a Priest and a King.

The third (3rd) great act of our Saviour He died on the cross to save men and women from hell, and He was buried in the tomb.

The fourth (4th) great act of our Saviour He went down in hell and He conquered death, hell and the grave, and took the sting out of death and chained the

Dragon down, and rose from the dead on Sunday morning, the third (3rd) day after He died on the cross.

The fifth (5th) great act of our Saviour He ascended up into heaven and set at the right hand of God, and by those five (5) great acts of Jesus Christ they prefigured, in Christ's baptism, in His crucifixion, in His burial, in His resurrection from the dead and in His ascending up into heaven, and those five (5) acts of Jesus Christ constitutes the whole gospel by which all men and women are to be saved from hell. If they believe the gospel because our Saviour in a lively figure set before the eyes of all mankind His sacrificial work the gospel of our Salvation, and He has made it the duty of all that is born of the spirit of God to be baptized, and St. Paul taught the people that Christian Baptism represented the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Now since the plan of Salvation to save men and women from hell was made by Jesus Christ, when they repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, and is born of the Spirit of God, and born of the water, as our Saviour told the Master and Ruler of Israel, and the Saviour's words being true, then the Pedobaptist Societies surely are without Scriptural baptism, without Scriptural churches, without Scriptural ordinances and without Scriptural ministers.

Now if baptism is not a seal, nor the law of pardon, nor a sacrament of Salvation, but an act by which the Missionary Baptists symbolize the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and it must be admitted that the Missionary Baptist alone are truly baptized, they were put under the water, after they professed faith in Jesus Christ by a regular Scriptural minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who believed in putting under the water and no other way. But the immersion of the Pedobaptist are in no sense of the word baptism, because they do not believe in what they do themselves, and say it is not right. So when they put any person under the water it should be counted nothing, because they say it is not right to immerse a person, and the Pedobaptist societies should not be endorsed as being right according to the commands of Jesus Christ. Matt. 3:15, 11:11. Mark 1:9-12. Luke 10:22, 13:3. John 1, 3:5-14. 1st Cor. 15, 33-53. Gal. 3:8-15.

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